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COOPERATION COUNCIL,SEPT 28-29 1976 BRUSSELS

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1. AGENDA OUTLINED REFTEL WAS ADOPTED.

2. AGENDA ITEM 1: CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY
THE COUNCIL'S AD HOC COMMISSION CONCERNING THAT STATUS OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL (ASG). THE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS
ORIGINALLY DEVELOPPED BY MR J.B. CLAWSON AND ACCEPTED BY
THE COUNCIL'S AD HOC COMMISSION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE
ASG,CITED REFTEL,WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
IT WAS NOTED THAT ADEQUATE FUNDS HAD BEEN BUDGETED TO
ACCOMMODATE THE TWO ASGS.

3. AGENDA ITEM 2: CONSIDERATION OF THE RATE OF LIVING
ALLOWANCE APPLICABLE FROM JANUARY 1, 1976. US POSITION,CITED
REFTEL,WAS BY NO MEANS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.MANY DELEGATES
OPTED IN FAVOR OF ACROSS-THE-BOARD 6.1 PERCENT INCREASE AS
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.OTHERS FAVORED A TAPERED INCREASE
WITH LESSER PERCENT INCREASE AT HIGHER LEVELS.FINAL
COMPROMISE PROVISIONAL SOLUTION ARRIVED AT GRANTS 5 PERCENT
COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE TO CERTAIN HIGHER GRADES,RETROACTIVE
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TO JANUARY 1, 1976,AND 6.1 PERCENT TO ALL OTHER GRADES.

IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS DECISION WAS ONLY PROVISIONAL
AND THE ISSUE COULD BE RAISED AGAIN BEFORE THE FULL COUNCIL.

4. AGENDA ITEM 3: RENEWAL OF THE SECRETARIAL ALLOWANCE.
THERE WAS NO SUPPORT OF THE U POSITON. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
(SG) DECISION TO EXTEND THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE THROUGH DECEMBER
31, 1976 STANDS.

5. AGENDA ITEM 4: INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW HEADQUARTERS
PROJECT. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ADVISED
THAT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ON COUNCIL PREMISES,IN A MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27-28,HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT ANY CONCLUSIONS
REGARDING THE THREE POSSIBLE SITES ADVANCED BY THE SG
BECAUSE OF INADEQUACIES OF DATA AVAILABLE.IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE SG SHOULD SELECT INDEPENDENT ARCHITECTURAL FIRM
TO CONDUCT NECESSARY SURVEYS AND ANALYSES.

6. AGENDA ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS. NO NEW MATTERS AROSE.

7. AGENDA ITEM 6: DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION. THE FINANCE
COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD ITS NEXT SESSION APRIL 18-22, 1977.
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